Overcharging on anti-TB and anti-Leprotic drugs

646. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1385 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1988 and state:

(a) when was the amount due from the 17 drug companies in regard to the overcharging the price of Rifampicin and its formulations was worked out;

(b) whether it is a fact that since last two years, no initiative has been taken by his Ministry to recover the amount which is more than Rs. 8 crores overcharged by the drug companies from poor TB and Leprotic patients;

(c) what are the reasons for the non-recovery of the amount and who are responsible for the same;

(d) what action has been taken against those who are delaying the recovery process; and

(e) by when the amount due will be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) Amount due from the companies were worked out between 1984 and 1987. Necessary action has been taken as per due process of law.

Break-up relating to price decontrolled drugs

647. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has amended the proformas for providing the break-up in respect of price decontrolled drugs and finished medicines;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the proformas have been amended within a short period after the announcement of DPCO;

(c) what are the details required in the original proformas and what details have been deleted along with the details now required under amended proformas;

(d) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry can neither make any scrutiny nor monitor the price increase on the basis of the amended proformas;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the amended proformas have been designed in such a way that neither the cost of utilities nor conversion cost etc., are required to be provided; and

(f) if so, what purpose it will serve?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Keeping in view of the requirement for monitoring the prices of non-scheduled items proformas have been amended.

(c) the details required in original proformas contained in Form-I and Form-2 of DPCO 1987, have been shortended to Form 1A and 2A. The details of Form 1A and Form 2A are given in the enclosed Statement I and II respectively. (*See* below).

(d) to (f) No, Sir, the monitoring of prices of non-scheduled items of DPCO 1987 is done by the Government on case to case basis effectively.

Statement-I

"FORM 1-A

(Information to be submitted in respect of price of non-scheduled bulk drug under paragraph 4 to be submitted in duplicate)

1. Name of the Bulk drug

2. Name of the Manufacturer

3. Address of the Registered Head Office of the manufacturer

4. Address of the Factory